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For: PRODUCTION OF GAMMA
LINOLENIC ACID BY A
DELTA 6-DESATURASE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 1999, setting forth a requirement for restriction, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-35, drawn to a delta 6-desaturase gene, plants transformed therewith, and a method of producing a transformed plant with increased GLA by transforming plants with said gene.

REMARKS

Claims 1-46 are present in this application and have

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

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